

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, after the first paragraph, please insert the following heading:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Page 1, please amend the second paragraph as follows:

Several different types of recoverable paperboard pallets are at present commercially available. All of these pallets have a good bearing capacity and quality, to a greater or lesser extent. Because of increasing demands with respect to the recovery of materials, there will be needed within the near future a pallet or load carrier that is both recoverable and ~~posseses~~possesses the capacities of a wooden pallet. These requirements include four-way handling, i.e. a facility which ~~enable~~enables the pallet to be handled with a lifting implement from four different directions. Another requirement is that the pallet shall be able to withstand outdoor climates for long periods of time and capable of managing a load of ten tonne. Finally, it shall be possible to drive over the bottom runners of the pallet with a pallet trolley, for instance from one long side. It is seldom that the disposable pallets at present available commercially ~~fulfil~~fulfill these conditions.

Page 1, after the second full paragraph, please insert the following heading:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Page 2, after the first full paragraph, please insert the following heading:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Page 3, please amend the second paragraph as follows:

Figure 3 is a partial, schematic perspective view from above which illustrates the stage at which the inner locking tube has been pressed down into a spacer element so as to lock said element against the locking flaps which are now pressed together;

Page 3, after the fourth paragraph, please insert the following heading:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION